

**NORTH SMITHFIELD  
SCHOOL BOARD COMMISSION**

**November 1, 2007**

**KENDALL DEAN**

**5:30 p.m.**

**BOARD MINUTES**

**Present: Paul Vadenais, Jane Biron, Stephen Lindberg, John Perry, Edward Yazbak, Scott Majeau, and Paul Nordstrom. David Chamberland was absent.**

**Others Present: Ron Fagnoli, Charles Roberts, David DeQuattro, and Gary Ezovski.**

**This meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. Following roll call by Jane Biron the minutes of the October 4, 2007, meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Paul Nordstrom and seconded by Edward Yazbak. The committee unanimously approved the motion.**

**Requisition for Payment #15 submitted by Gilbane for Construction Management services in the amount of \$1,795,201.37 for the period through October 31, 2007, was reviewed. Motion to approve payment**

of this invoice was made by Edward Yazbak and seconded by Paul Nordstrom. The committee unanimously approved this motion with Mr. Lindberg abstaining.

Requisition for payment #4 submitted by Gilbane for Construction Management services in the amount of \$93,994.51 for the period through October 31, 2007 was reviewed. Motion to approve payment of this invoice was made by Edward Yazbak and seconded by Paul Nordstrom. The committee unanimously approved this motion with Mr. Lindberg abstaining.

## **Old Business**

**Neighbor's Well** - David DeQuattro stated he could not reach the neighbor regarding the her well. He will continue to try.

**Basketball Court** – The request by Hoops to change the present fence to a black vinyl and a double gate be installed was confirmed by Mr. Lindberg. Mr. Yazbak asked if the double gate was part of the original request. He also felt this work should wait until the middle school construction is completed so as to avoid any damage to the fence. Mr. Lindberg felt a double gate was original, but Paul Nordstrom said it was always a single gate. Mr. DeQuattro felt, as a tax payer, that \$15,000 for this change would be a waste of funds. Mr. Lindberg was part of the original discussion with Hoops and they felt he would solve this issue. There is a conflict regarding the cost of this change.

Some felt it was originally stated \$3,000 and now the amount is quoted by Gilbane as \$15,000. Hoops would like to see the new courts done exactly like the original one. Ron Fagnoli will supply the quote in writing. Fleet Company will do the fencing and fabric.

Mr. Gary Ezovski stated that he felt this change would be a waste of material and money to change the fencing. Mr. Lindberg mentioned emotionally the change would mean more to members of Hoops. Mr. Edward Yazbak asked if the vinyl was safer for the players. No one seemed to know the answer to this question.

Paul Vadenais felt that Hoops should sign a lease especially if they feel they own the courts and they obtained the grant to construct the original court. Steve Lindberg felt the fence should be decided on first before going to another issue (lease) at this time. The board should get the price first and go back to Hoops for another decision. Paul Vadenais felt the black vinyl could be changed, but the lease should also be signed and should have been signed seven year ago. Jane Biron felt a decision should be made now and the amount should not be a consideration. Gary Ezovski felt a quote should be obtained from North Smithfield Fence, Mr. Michael Bartholomy; Ron Fagnoli suggested that maybe a sleeve could be put over the present post made of vinyl and then change the fencing. Mr. Lindberg asked Mr. Yazbak to obtain a price from North Smithfield Fence.

Mr. Paul Nordstrom mentioned that his wife was a member of Hoops.

**He remembers Gilbane offered \$3,000 to Hoops if the fence would not be changed. Also, an additional single gate would be installed. The settlement was not in the amount of the original installation cost of \$12,000. Mr. Lindberg will meet with Hoops again and Edward Yazbak will attend.**

**Construction Schedule Update - Mr. Charles Roberts gave a 30-day schedule summary. The building will be enclosed and installation of the roofs (5) will be done shortly. As of today the job is three days behind but this can be made up. Rain was a factor affecting installation of steel.**

**Quality Construction Report – Windows will be installed out of sequence. This is done to flush out any constructions issues and get a tight building.**

**High School Electrical Switchgear Test – This problem needs to be addressed before the new well is hooked up. There were no markings on the breakers. This needs to be done. A list of test results was supplied by American Electrical Testing Company. The main item on the list referred to the main breaker was could not be tested since it had porcelain tabs which need to be replaced first. Steve Lindberg will work with Robert Desrochers to address these issues. The full report is on file with Gilbane.**

**Furniture – A furniture budget meeting will be on November 2, 2007,**

and more meetings are scheduled with Mr. John Lahar. Mr. Lindberg met with Gerald Benjamin, Ron Hughes, regarding cost estimation for this project. Mr. Lindberg felt it was a good meeting and that it clarified a lot of issues.

**Grants -** Paul Vadenais spoke to the Town's Grant Writer. He mentioned contacting Champlain in January and that the School Department should file for the grant and not the Town. He will work with Mr. Lindberg in obtaining this grant. Mr. Vadenais mention a \$68,000 grant just received for the generators. Mr. Lindberg felt the board should seek other donations from business, i.e. Fidelity, CVS, and be willing to use their names. Mr. Vadenais felt grants are needed to off set the cost.

**Middle School Membrane Information -** Mr. Roberts stated a credit from NationalGrid was originally anticipated if we changed the room to a white EPDM membrane. To go back we would downgrade the thickness. It was recommended to stay with the existing black 60-mil EPDM by Gilbane.

**Builders Contingency –** Requesting approval with Mr. David Chamberland and Mr. Paul Vadenais' approval \$25,000 contingency to be used at selective times for overtime.

**Relocation of the High School's Events Directory –** This is for time and material by Fleet Construction in the amount of \$2,055. This

**needs the board's approval.**

**Owner's Contingency Analysis - #72 Additional rock removal in the parking lot and the softball field - \$12,552. #73 Boulders removed while installing underground septic tank - \$5,063. #191 Factory installation of cooling coils for roof top unit which originally were not needed but there is a need. - \$5,838.**

**Football Field/Running Track/Security System – 1A (73010 change order) Rock removed during construction of underground detention system - \$14,073. This cost was reviewed and agreed upon by Gilbane, Fleet and Briggs.**

**Mr. Gary Ezovski asked who was responsible for registering for the installation of the oil tank. Gilbane has already filed. This was reviewed by the Fire Marshal, Bryan Gartland. The septic tank is protected from traffic during construction and Charles Roberts confirmed that no one will be able to go over it during installation**

**A motion was made to forward the report on the High School Electrical Switchgear Testing to the School Committee and recommend that work be done by the end of the year was made by Edward Yazbak and seconded by Paul Nordstrom. The committee unanimously approved the motion.**

**A motion regarding the continued use of the 60-ml black EPDM**

**membrane on the roof was made by Edward Yazbak and seconded by Paul Nordstrom. The committee unanimously approved the motion.**

**A motion was made to approve premium time authorization, not to exceed \$25,000 and have prior approval of David Chamberland and Paul Vadenais was made by Edward Yazbak and seconded by Paul Nordstrom. The committee unanimously approved the motion with Mr. Lindberg abstaining.**

**A motion was made to recommend to the Town Council payment of rock excavation work #72 in the amount of \$12,552, rock removal for underground septic system #73 in the amount of \$5,063 and installation of cooling coils to RTERV 4&5 in the amount of \$5,060 (less Gilbane's fee - \$778) was made by Edward Yazbak and seconded by Paul Nordstrom. The committee unanimously approved the motion with Mr. Lindberg abstaining.**

**A motion was made to recommend to the Town Council payment of the cost to remove rock during construction of the underground detention system #6 in the amount of \$14,073 was made by John Perry and seconded by Paul Nordstrom. The committee unanimously approved the motion with Mr. Lindberg abstaining.**

## **Open Forum**

**Mr. Edward Yazbak thanked Gilbane for the tour of the construction**

**site of the middle school. Members of the Town Council were invited, but did not attend. The board found the tour very informative.**

**The next meeting will be on December 6, 2007.**

**Mr. Edward Yazbak motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.**